

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 26-30 have been added in order to provide more comprehensive protection for certain aspects of Applicants' invention.

Regarding the requirement for restriction, Applicants provisionally elect Species XIV (Fig. 14) for prosecution on the merits, with Claims 5-8, 20-21, and 26-30 being considered to read on the provisionally elected species. However, the requirement is respectfully traversed as it fails to comport with the PCT Unity of Invention standard which applies to this application.

In that the PCT Unity of Invention standard has not been applied, the election of species requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

Applicants therefore respectfully request an action on the merits with respect to all pending claims—that is, Claims 1-30.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper

and has not been requested separately, then such extension
is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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